

representatives of the media, are exempt from...it is their interpretation that they are exempt from the 100 foot restriction. The Attorney General has agreed to that. He has given an opinion that the media are exempt from this 100 foot restriction. Under current law we have no restrictions then as to their closeness to the polls, and in some cases, up in Omaha, we even had them inside the building, with the Attorney General's opinion being that they really had no restrictions on them. What we are doing, Senator Lundy, is writing into the statute a 20 foot restriction where under current law there really is none, under the interpretation of current law.

SENATOR LUNDY: That 20 feet then, Senator Withem, would be measured from the booth itself?

SENATOR WITHEM: Twenty feet of the entrance into the room or into the school where they are voting, 20 feet from the entrance. We have also a restriction in here if they are inside the building, and we are talking about a big building such as this one where we may have a voting place, for instance, in the Rotunda here...

SENATOR LUNDY: Yes.

SENATOR WITHEM: ...they can be inside the building, but if they are going to be inside the building they have to be 100 feet away from the booth itself.

SENATOR LUNDY: Thank you very much.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any further discussion on the committee amendment? The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Withem, we are back to the bill.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, once again very quickly LB 114, in its current form, does essentially two things. It puts restrictions on how the media can behave as they are conducting their exit polls.